



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7**

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**Freedom of Information Act Request
Number: EPA-R7-2020-004304**

Dear Mr. Bector:

This is the final response to your April 22, 2020, request for information regarding "Region 7 Communications Regarding Statewide, Regional, or National Regulatory or Enforcement Flexibility Policies."

EPA has concluded its search for records responsive to your request, and you may log in to FOIAonline and retrieve your records. While some records are being released in their entirety, it was necessary to withhold information from EPA's response either in part (as noted by redactions and FOIA exemption notation on the individual document) or in full (as identified on the enclosed index). This withheld information has been determined to be exempt from disclosure pursuant to the following sections of 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b):

- 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5): privileged inter- or intra-Agency memoranda or letters which fall under the deliberative process, attorney work-product or attorney-client privileges;
- 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(6): information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; or
- 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(7)(a): information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; and
- 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(7)(e): law enforcement information that "would disclose techniques and procedures for law; enforcement investigations or prosecutions or would disclose guidelines for law; enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., WJC-N Building, Room 7309C, Washington, DC 20460.



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Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm Eastern Time will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or 202-566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, 202-741-5770 or 877-684-6448; or fax, 202-741-5769. For all media inquiries, please contact press@epa.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Alex Chen at 913-551-7962 or Edie Stevens-Breckon, in our FOIA Office, at 913-551-7803.

Sincerely,

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